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This is in response to Applicant's letter filed November 2, 2005, "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance", with regard to the reasons given for claims 2, 8 and 25.

The statement of reasons for allowance mailed August 12, 2005 contained typographical errors that were inadvertently made. The beginning of the statement correctly stated that claims 2, 8, 17, and 19 have been written in independent form. The errors occurred in the reasons for claims 2 and 8. The correct reasons should be the following:

Claim 2 recites "a shield component of a photodetector/shield unit has a channel configuration in which a photodetector resides". This channel configuration is not found in any of the prior art references of record, including the newly cited Williamson (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,649). This limitation in combination with other limitations of claim 2 is not taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Claim 8 recites "electrical circuitry for adjusting said light source to provide a desired light color". Though electrical circuitry for adjusting a light source within a display monitor is well known, the fact that the electrical circuitry is part of the scanner and the light source is part of the display, is not taught by the prior art of record, including the newly cited Williamson (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,649). Therefore, the limitation "electrical circuitry for adjusting said light source to provide a desired light color" in combination with other limitations of claim 8 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Further, the statement of reasons for allowance for claim 25 used the word "after" which is not in the claim. The reason for allowance for claim 25 should be stated as follows:

Mether claim 25 recites a method of "using a scanner with respect to an external light source". The claim requires "mounting the scanner to a unit containing the external light source, wherein the scanner has a holder and a scanner screen", "moving the scanner screen from a stowed position in the holder to a second position in which the scanner screen is positioned to receive light from the external light source", loading an object to be scanned into a slot in the scanner", and "activating the scanner to scan the object". The newly cited reference Williamson (6,307,649) discloses moving the scanner from a stowed position to a position in which the scanner is positioned to receive light from the external light source (of the computer monitor) (by turning the scanner about the rotation axis of a hinge(24)) (Figs. 1, 5 and 8). However, the stowed position is not in the holder (Fig. 8), and the scanner does not have a slot for loading the object to be scanned.

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